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Low organisms are shortest lived. The higher the organism, as a rule, the longer the life. The most complex organism must have the longest life.

An infinitely complex organism must have an infinite life.

Now the most complex organism is that which contains them all.

— Nature is eternal.

Push further Drummond's theory: —

«Immortality is perfect correspondence with a perfect environment.»

Fundamental difference between natural life and spiritual life. Nature is *bad*. Altruism, goodness, the idea of *good* generally, make their appearance, in man.

They cannot, it is contended, come from nature. (But they do. Pleasure and good).

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